



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Cool Temperatures Slow Spud Harvest

Agricultural Summary

For the week ending October 11, average weekly temperatures ranged from seven to sixteen degrees below normal. All of the state's precipitation fell in the southern districts of the state. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, planting winter wheat, and harvesting alfalfa, and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate topsoil moisture to be 5% very short, 25% short, 63% adequate, and 7% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	91	68	88
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	3	11	16
Dry Beans Harvested	97	94	97
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	69	73	84
Apples Harvested	30	48	72

Field Crop Report

Statewide, cool temperatures remained for most of the week. Killing frosts and snow showers were reported by several University of Idaho extension educators. Cool weather slowed potato harvest. Rain and snow showers slowed dry bean and alfalfa harvest. Winter wheat planting and emergence is 77 and 33 percent complete, respectively. Potato and sugarbeet harvest is 71 and 21 percent complete, respectively.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No livestock problems were reported. Range and pasture condition, at 86 percent in fair to excellent condition, is unchanged from last week. The third and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 94 and 69 percent complete, respectively.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	13	36	47	3
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	8	75	16

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	74	74	66	65	89	87	75	78	77	87	85	86	77	80	76
Emerged	17	2	7	41	64	52	27	36	34	55	55	52	33	29	29
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	13	9	12	24	10	22	18	12	21	21	11	20
Potato															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	97	98	63	79	72	71	68	67	71	73	71
Alfalfa															
Third Cutting	NA	NA	NA	100	98	100	99	100	100	87	89	96	94	95	98

Avg (2004 – 2008); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 11, 2009 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	61	23	42	-12	0.00	-0.28	11.29	0.01	3914	2224	55
Grangeville	58	19	40	-11	0.00	-0.42	14.55	-1.51	3759	2102	490
Lewiston	65	22	48	-8	0.00	-0.21	5.64	-1.67	5219	3259	397
Porthill	59	17	38	-10	0.00	-0.25	11.68	1.32	3543	1903	247
Winchester	57	8	36	-12	0.00	-0.37	12.59	-2.69	3087	1578	475
Southwest											
Boise	62	28	44	-12	0.26	0.12	9.12	2.9	4797	2892	163
Emmett	62	28	44	-10	0.27	0.13	7.48	1.32	4731	2878	265
Glenns Ferry	60	29	43	-12	0.08	-0.02	11.21	6.47	4750	2897	263
Grandview	62	28	43	-12	0.04	-0.03	4.5	0.39	4732	2840	-64
Nampa	60	31	45	-11	0.31	0.17	4.48	-0.87	4739	2841	109
Parma	66	30	46	-7	0.09	-0.05	4.39	-1.45	4885	2956	407
South Central											
Fairfield	50	12	33	-15	0.21	0.07	9.29	2.41	2881	1375	-95
Malta	55	21	40	-12	0.00	-0.14	8.74	1.24	3626	1950	-85
Picabo	55	18	37	-12	0.30	0.16	9.29	2.91	3517	1954	359
Rupert	55	25	39	-12	0.01	-0.13	6.39	0.92	3785	2097	9
Twin Falls	56	28	40	-11	0.05	-0.09	7.36	1.77	4103	2344	351
East											
Aberdeen	54	26	39	-9	0.20	0.06	8.5	2.66	3563	1926	180
Ashton	44	16	31	-16	0.21	-0.07	11.47	0.2	2863	1341	0
Fort Hall	53	25	39	-12	0.25	0.04	9.77	2.19	3573	1937	-48
Idaho Falls	55	23	39	-10	0.41	0.25	8.56	1.65	3685	2002	152
Lava Hot Springs	56	23	39	-12	0.65	0.44	12.35	5.19	3477	1853	-132
Montevue	51	12	32	-16	0.27	0.15	6.56	0.1	3141	1570	-166
Preston	55	25	40	-11	0.21	-0.04	11.44	2.25	3905	2170	82
Rexburg	48	18	34	-14	0.27	0.06	9.59	1.13	3069	1489	55

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.